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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Inducing Cellular Immune Responses to Human Immunodeficiency Virus-1 Using Peptide and Nucleic Acid Compositions**
Inventors: SETTE *et al.*
Our Ref: 2060.0040005/HCC/VSR

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Letter of Express Abandonment; and

2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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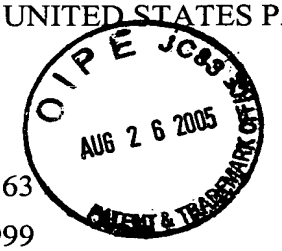
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Applicants hereby expressly abandon the above-referenced patent application, but not any invention described and/or claimed therein. The above-referenced application is abandoned in favor of continuing Application No. 11/045,024, filed January 28, 2005. It is to be understood that although Applicants are abandoning the present application, no express or implied admission or compliance is made by this express abandonment, with respect to any objections or rejections made by the Examiner. Applicants expressly reserve the right to address each and every one of these objections and/or rejections in prosecuting the continuing application. In the event that extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (other than those extensions that may otherwise be provided for) are necessary to maintain copendency of this patent application with any continuing

application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned and any fee therefor is hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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